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### **VESICULAR STOMATITIS VIRUS CONFIRMED** **IN TWO HORSES AT MONTPELIER**

(BOISE) A case of vesicular stomatitis has been confirmed in two horses at a ranch in Montpelier, Idaho, making it the first instance of the viral disease to show up in Idaho. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture is investigating the case along with officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. State animal health officials have quarantined the ranch and all of the animals.

Vesicular stomatitis causes blisters on the tongue, lips, teats and sometimes the feet of livestock, including horses. It can cause the loss of condition or production, and is spread by flies and direct animal contact, or by contact with animal secretions. People are advised to be careful about moving livestock into or out of states where the virus has been identified. Additionally, livestock owners should check with their state of destination for import requirements prior to interstate movement.

The nearest premises where the disease has been identified is 75 miles away in Wyoming.

If you suspect any livestock has the disease, please call your local veterinarian, or call the Idaho State Department of Agriculture at (208) 332-8540.

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